



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

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PRESS RELEASE

Chief United States District Judge G. Patrick Murphy announced that the Judges of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois have selected Mr. Donald G. Wilkerson, Sr. To serve as Magistrate Judge beginning January 2005. Mr. Wilkerson currently serves as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Missouri in St. Louis. A native of East St. Louis and lifelong resident of southern Illinois, Mr. Wilkerson received a bachelor of science degree from Illinois State University, a master of science degree from Southern Illinois University and his Juris Doctorate degree from St. Louis University School of Law.

Mr. Wilkerson has taught and coached athletes in the East St. Louis School District for seventeen years. Prior to his appointment as a United States Attorney, Mr. Wilkerson was engaged in civil practice in St. Louis. Mr. Wilkerson will replace Magistrate Judge Gerald B. Cohn upon his retirement in January 2005.

